



Captain Robert A. Lopez

Program Manager
Navigation Systems Program Office
Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command

Captain Robert Lopez is a native of Los Angeles, California and a 1974 graduate of Arizona State University with a Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical Technology. He received his Naval commission in March 1977 through the Aviation Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, Florida. After earning his wings of gold in March 1978, he reported to VS-41 in San Diego for fleet training in the Lockheed S-3A Viking Antisubmarine Warfare aircraft.

In September 1978, he reported to VS-33 where he completed deployments to the Mediterranean and Western Pacific. In October 1981, the Captain was assigned as an instructor in VS-41, the S-3A Fleet Replacement Squadron. While assigned there, he completed a Master of Science degree in Systems Management at the University of Southern California.

From February 1985 to February 1987, Captain Lopez was attached to Carrier Air Wing Fifteen onboard the USS Carl Vinson as anti-submarine warfare operations officer. He completed two Western Pacific deployments and was designated an Aerospace Engineering Duty Officer before reporting to Commander, Anti-Submarine Wing Pacific Fleet in March 1987 as staff avionics officer.

In February 1989, the Captain reported to the Naval Aviation Depot North Island where he held positions as Production Officer, Quality Officer, and F/A-18 project officer. From August 1991 to June 1994, Captain Lopez was assigned to Chief of Naval Operations, Air Warfare, as Naval Aviation depot resource sponsor. In July 1994, he reported to the Naval Aviation Systems Command, PMA-273 T-45 Goshawk trainer Program Office as deputy program manager for engines and systems integration. In May 1997, he joined the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command's PMW-182 as deputy program manager for Mobile Surveillance Systems. In May 1999, he assumed the duties of the deputy program director for SPAWAR's PD-18, the Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Directorate.

In June 2000, Captain Lopez assumed command of PMW/PMA-187, the Navigation Systems Program Office located at SPAWAR's San Diego headquarters.

The Captain's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal with three gold stars and the Navy Commendation Medal with gold star.